## Rocks

Rocks, August 14.- C. S. Ranson and Jim Frank Ranson were busy this afternoon threshing clover seed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson, of Kansas City, were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson on their vacation recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson to Southwest Virginia to attend a reunion there recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones and children, of Newport News spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Ranson, of Charleston, W. Va., and a few others from there were visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson during the week-end.

Mrs. Ernest Meadows and daughter, Minnie, of near Elam, spent the week-end with Cassie Baldwin.

Mrs. D. R. Inge accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Paulette to Falling River Sunday, where they went to see Mrs. Lucy Foster and a few others.

Melvin Garrette returned home from the hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge, of Lynchburg and Mrs. D. R. Inge were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale Sunday.

Johnny Roach spent Saturday with his grandmother, Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson.

Lewis Dickerson took his children to see a doctor last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Ranson spent awhile Sunday morning with her sister, Mrs. Gladys Thornhill and infant baby in the home of Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Lloyd Richardson hurt his arm last week.

R. L. Jennings and Tony returned home Friday afternoon, after spending a few days in Norfolk.

## Evergreen

Evergreen, August 15.- Mr. and Mrs. Horton Ore and two children, from Norfolk, Va., spent a few days last week with her grandparents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jennings and children, of Christiansburg, spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Sam Jennings.

Those who called to see Mrs. Howard Glover and family during the week-end were Mr. M. H. Coleman, of Arlington; W. L. Coleman, of Lynchburg; Paul Ferguson and son, Gregory, also of Lynchburg; Herbert Greene, of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. Horton Ore and two children, of Norfolk, and Miss Delores Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C Staples called in the home of Mrs. G. W. Glover Saturday night.

Miss Jackie White spent Wednesday with Miss Bessie Ann Goover.

Those visiting Mrs. W. E. Warriner during the week end were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House; Mrs. W. F. Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson, and two children; Miss Annie Martin and Mr. and Mrs David Garrett.

Mrs. Howard Glover and family called to see Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, near Oakville on Sunday afternoon.

D. T. Ferguson, of Lynchburg, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

A. B. Ferguson is spending this week with his daughter Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, near Oakville.

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## Stonewall

Stonewall, August 15.- The farmers are all busy cutting tobacco. There is a good crop of tobacco in this section of the county.

Miss Edna Adcock is on her vacation this week, visiting relatives in Lynchburg and Appomattox

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnas went to Keysville on Sunday to see his sister, Mrs. L. D. Puckett, who is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stratton are spending a vacation in the northern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Carson and children, of Roanoke spent last week with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson had as their guests over the week-end his mother, Mrs. Lula T. Morgan, and his sister, Mrs. M. E. Davis and son, Dick, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carron, Mrs. R. W. Franklin, Miss Martha Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and Anne Carson, all of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings had a family reunion at their home last Sunday. A picnic dinner was served to the guests, which included about 40.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Harding Jr. and baby, of Norfolk are visiting his father, Mr. W. R. Harding and Miss Verna Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson, of Hixburg. Mrs. Carson is improving after being on the sick list quite a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus spent Sunday with relatives at Chase City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Chick on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Chick is on the sick list.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler has returned home after a visit with her son, Jim and his family, in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler, of Richmond spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mrs. Hatcher King and children spent the week-end with her mother in Christiansburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence visited her parents and his mother last Sunday.

Rev. Bert Wilson, of Louisville, Ky., will fill the pulpit of Rev. G. E. Hughes at the Hebron Baptist Church next Sunday night. Mr. Hughes and family are on a vacation with his and her parents.

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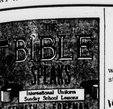


SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-52; 7:18-35; 19:1-10
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 18:1-14

## A Great Preacher?

Lesson for August 20, 1950

ESS SAID of him that there had never been a greater man, than the Baptist. Certainly there never been a greater preacher, his day. He had none of the aids modern preacher has. He had no leader, no music of any kind; church organization, no building, even a tent. He did not even in a settled-in-fixed willness. There was little "dramatic" about him or his methods.

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Yet he started a tremendous revival, and he won higher praise from Jesus than any other human being received from him.

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Luke

CONSIDER SOME of the qualities of this famous man. One was his character, that is, he was not afraid to speak his mind. His opinions were not always popular; his versions were not always those of the masses. But he spoke his mind and he same.

He called his hearers "generation of vipers," "snakes' pebbles, in modern words. He freely admitted he was no Messiah. When on a later occasion he had his doubts about Jesus, he did not conceal them, but told Jesus straight from the shoulder that he questioned him. And Jesus honored his honesty.

Candor is a rare article. Those persons in public life who are willing to speak their minds may make some enemies but they make many admirers. The odd thing is that people cover up their minds rather than they will be unpopular; I guess you will generally find that the candid person does not look for friends.

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Courage

WHAT BRINGS to another quality outstanding in this extraordinary man: his courage. He could stand up to the most prominent persons and tell them they were sinners, and name their sins.

It doesn't take much courage to say you are a sinner, or to say that any one is. Aren't we right? It takes more nerve to speak out in plain language, as John did to the Pharisees and Herod for example. When he called on men to repent, he meant a specific repentance, not repentance-in-general.

In a southern state there was a prison chaplain at the penitentiary. One of the prisoners had been convicted of stealing funds from the bank. But he never had admitted his guilt, in court or afterwards. He was stand-offish with the chaplain, though before his conviction he used to be a church official and a praying man, the chaplain could hardly get next to him. Finally one day he agreed to talk. As he and the chaplain knelt down together, the prisoner began: "God, thou knowest that we are all miserable sinners . . ." The chaplain stopped him. Leaning over, he said to the prisoner: "What are you in here for?" The man was silent a moment. Then in a quite different tone of voice he began again: "O God, forgive me for stealing from the State Bank." It was the first time he had ever admitted his guilt. But it took courage on the chaplain's part as well as his own.

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Common Sense

ANOTHER QUALITY of John Baptist which deserves notice is his plain common-sense. Listen to how he tells the men who come to him this question: What must we do? John's common-sense mind knows that repentance, just by itself, is not enough. Repentance is turning from something bad to something good, from wrong to right.

Let the man with two shirts share with the man who has none, he said. Let him who has food do likewise. Let the taxgatherer be honest. Let the soldier stop grumbling; even in a "occupied country" a soldier must not be unjust or cruel.

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Coming to Christ

WHAT MAKES John best remembered is that he preached Christ. He is known as the forerunner, the man who said of Jesus, "He must increase but I must decrease." The preacher who calls attention to himself is an egotist, a show-off; the preacher who turns men's eyes and hearts to Jesus Christ may himself be lost but his work will be great.

## FUTURE OF BUGS INVESTIGATED AT VA. TECH

Will the day come when the only way to kill a cockroach will be to step on it?

Will we, someday, end up in a nightmare world, where grasshoppers preside at committee meetings, and mosquitos pour at teas?

Engaged in basic research at Virginia Experiment Station, Entomologist J. M. Grayson aims to find out what can be done in the future if the possibilities loom. He also wants to know ho wbig the possibilities are.

Part of his work involves giving almost-but-not-quite deadly doses of poisons to insects to see if it will result in developing resistant strains.

He also is asking if insects that do survive such treatments are normal in rate of growth, development, and reproductive capacity.

(Already there is undisputed evidence that many of today's flies and mospitoes are surviving doses of DDT that would have been lethal to their grandparents.)

Dr. Grayson is using four different species of insects — German cockroaches, milkweed bug, plum curculio, and red-legged grasshopper; and four different chemical insecticides— DDT, benzene hexachloride (BHC), chlordane, and toraphene.

So far there's been no difference in reproductive rate, or abnormalities in development. But some resistance is appearing in the treated strains of the German cockroach; and slight resistance in the treated strains of the large milkweed bug.

Dr. Grayson says that one of the insects under observation have been threated through enough generations to expect much resistance at this time. However, one fact is apparent—the female is harder to kill than the male.

### Postmasters Are Under Civil Service

Harry B. Mitchell, Chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission, has called upon the American public to recognize that postmasters are permenent officers under the Civil Service System, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of the law.

Chairman Mitchell's statement was issued as a part of a nation-wide campaign launched by the National Assoc ation of Postmasters to educate the public as to the true status of postmasters in the Civil Service System. Too many people, the Association announced, believe that postmasters are temporary political appointees and it is resulting in an incorrect attitude toward the Postal Service.

In a public statement Chairman Mitchell announced: "Every postmaster not only has to qualify for appointment through an examination given by the Civil Service Commission, but he must be among the three top eligibles. Like other Federal workers, the postmaster serves without limitation on his term, subject only to the same competent handling of his office as required of all personnel."

### LACK OF COVER CROPS MEANS FOOD LOSS

(First of a series of articles on cover crops)

Plant food valued at $1,500,000 is leached annually from land left bare over winter in 12 Tidewatter counties.

W. C. White, assistant agronomist at V. P. I., says at least half of the 500,000 acres of corn, peanuts, cotton, and soybeans is left bare over winter in that area.

He says that legume winter cover crops following the four main row crops in Tidewater, Virginia, in addition to saving the plant food, can save:

$3,750,000 worth of nitrogen fertilizer on the 250,000 acres of corn.

$113,000 in nitrogen fertilizer on the 26,000 acres of cotton.

$800,000 by preventing the leaching of nitrogen fixed and left in soils by soybeans after combining.

Supplementing a pasture system of ladina clover and grass with the winter, grazing provided by winter cover crops can be worth an additional $12,500,000 in beef in the peanut, corn, cotton, and soybean counties.

With these possible benefits, can't afford to be without winter cover crops. He advises them to buy their seed now. Seed supplies are fairly good except for domestic crimson clover. Some exported clover is coming into the state, and while indications are that it is not quite as winter-hardy as the winter strains, it serves the same purposes, and White's advice again is — buy now.

### CONGRESSMAN HARDY TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE

Hon. Porter Hardy, of Norfolk, U. S. representative from the second congressional district, will be among the speakers at the annual Agricultural Extension Service conference at V. P. I., August 28—September 1, Associate Extension Director W. H. Daughtrey, announces.

His topic will be "Fundamentals for an Agricultural Program in the United States."

Expected to attend the conference are some 270 members of the field and state staff of the Virginia Extension Service.


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